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Items for the Daily Log - 26 May 1953

Legislative Counsel

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1. [] Deputy Chief of Security, informed me that Congressman Kersten has forwarded to the State Department certain derogatory information regarding personnel at Radio Free Europe. State has sent the Congressman an interim reply, saying that they are looking into the matter, and have forwarded the letter to [] who are checking on the information. As soon as [] has a report, they will bring it to me, and we can then determine what Congressman Kersten should be told. Congressman Kersten is aware of our interest in RFE.

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3. With reference to my Memorandum for the Director, dated 19 May 1953; Subject: Special Immigration Legislation (S. 1917), in accordance with instructions from the DCI, this matter has been discussed with [] and []. While Mr. [] was inclined to concur in our recommendations, [] is quite opposed to the Agency seeking any amendment to S. 1917 and is preparing a position paper supporting his view.

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4. Discussed with Mr. Meloon, Director of Personnel, current legislation before Congress, removing Presidential appointees from the provisions of the Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951, and repealing the Thomas rider, which makes it mandatory for Government employees to utilize all their leave in the period in which earned and prevented any accumulation.

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6. Mr. [] of ORR has urgently requested the transcript of the hearings on China trade before the McCarthy Subcommittee. I explained to Mr. [] the expense involved and informed him that any such request must be approved by DDI. Mr. [] will attempt to see a copy of the transcript at either MSA or Defense if the necessity is approved by appropriate officials of ORR.

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